Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Monday 18 Oct 2021 until 23:59 on Tuesday 19 Oct 2021

Forecast Issued on Sunday 17 Oct 2021 at 14:03 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled conditions and poor visibility over the coming days. High also for a colder spell to develop from Thursday. There is some uncertainty in the details for Wednesday.

Headline for Monday 18 Oct 2021: Scope for some morning brightness, otherwise foggy with afternoon rain. Windy.

Mountain weather hazards on Monday 18 Oct 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG		FOG	FOG			FOG	
Fog	Drizzle	Fog	Fog	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Fog	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
30%	40%	30%	30%	60%	70%	30%	20%

Forecast for Monday 18 Oct 2021

Weather: Poor visibility will be a large feature of the day with any fleeting breaks confined to the northern foothills of the Cairngorms and Monadhliath Mountains. Rain will spread northeastwards from late morning to give all ranges a few hours of wet weather, but as this clears away north through evening it will leave extensively foggy and drizzly conditions. Some cloud breaks developing across the north towards midnight, however.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% across the northern foothills, otherwise virtually no chance.

Visibility: Widely limited to a few hundred meters above the cloud base which will sit at around 400-600m, through much of the day. Rain and drizzle will turn lower slopes and glens rather hazy.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	22/29 SE	23/31 SE	22/29 SE	30/40 SE	33/43 SE	34/44 S	30/41 S	27/37 SW	23/32 S
900	16/24 SE	16/25 SE	18/25 S	31/41 SE	36/46 S	39/50 S	30/38 S	25/32 S	22/29 S
600	8/11 E	5/8 E	8/11 SE	11/19 S	22/31 S	26/37 S	20/29 S	16/24 SW	14/22 S
300	3/6 NW	3/7 W	3/8 N	3/8 E	4/9 SE	9/21 S	7/18 S	10/23 SW	7/16 S
Glen	2/7 S	2/10 S	2/10 S	4/13 S	4/14 S	5/18 S	4/20 SW	5/20 SW	4/17 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	4/-1	4/-1	4/-1	5/-1	5/-1	5/-1	6/0	6/1	6/1
900	9/6	10/7	10/6	10/5	10/5	10/4	10/5	9/5	10/6
600	9/8	10/8	10/9	10/8	11/7	11/7	12/8	11/9	12/9
300	8/8	9/8	9/8	10/10	12/11	12/11	12/11	13/11	12/11
Glen	9/8	9/9	9/9	11/10	13/12	14/13	13/12	13/11	12/11
Freezing Level*	2500m	2500m	2400m	2400m	2600m	3100m	2500m	2700m	2700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Strong winds will approach gale force above munro level from late afternoon, perhaps touching 60mph across the Cairngorm Plateau. This, along with rain and drizzle will give a significant cooling effect.

Forecast for Tuesday 19 Oct 2021

Weather: An altogether brighter start across the north compared to Monday with dry conditions and cloud generally higher and more broken. Southerly winds will maintain cloudy, dull conditions across the southern ranges. Outbreaks of heavy rain spread northeast through morning with a good chance of heavy showers into the afternoon and evening. Mild.

Maximum wind: South 20-30mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50% falling 10%.

Visibility: Thick cloud persisting above 600m across all but the more sheltered northern areas, but cloud will become increasingly extensive above around 400m through evening across all ranges. Heavy rain will affect visibility in the glens, obscuring neighbouring slopes.

Temperature: **Glens:** 14 Celsius.
At 800m: Around plus 10 Celsius.
Freezing level: Well above summits.

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